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Mrs Chapman

Dear Sister I have time only to write you a short line. Am surprised to see how God has worked in pulling down strong holds since the erection of our House of Worship. Through the aid of Many. All classes. Rich. poor. all Colors assemble together in our unfinished Church. Prejudice vanishes. The true gospell gains ground Light is breaking in us. & yesterday met a Gentle of wealth. Of the highest rank, who confessed his views were altered & his heart was drawn by the truth

One would scarcely know the place by reason of the change from Oppression to Liberty. Bearing on this matter & to let you know where ever Oppression is there I, like yourself, expend freely My sympathy. I wish to state that by Letter & correspondence with the Missionary at Amherstburgh, Isaac J Rice, who has long suffered there in behalf of My People, I learn of the great struggles about Schools & all kinds of Rights. Not Officers of Government force through Law & Gospell to drive from Schools the colored & hinder Amalgamation as they say. They have had some important suits & by Law taught Officers of Government not to oust the trembling Fugitive. He is struggling, unwillingly, unyieldingly, & hope he may

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not lack as formerly for Means to carry on effective war against all Oppression. He has stood 7 years alone, & often faint for food. If he refuses to quit the Field, as he never would. May the Lord & his Friends stand by. I am willing to say he is near to my heart. I find they need Schools there & cannot get them for want of funds. Everything seems to be done to aid the Institution at Sydenham which seems to hinder Common Education. I think Common School & general instruction is needed more than anything else among us. I wish something might be done to aid us in Schools I feel greatly distressed with him, to see no Schools in many places, which has been the case for 5. 10 & 15 years. Had this our dear Brother been in Algiers, among the Turks in Hindostan or in the plains of Africa, he doubtless would not have lacked bread till almost too weak to walk or have been left in rags & indecency to be made to blush in the Midst of Enemies of Equal rights. They said (as to his great Master) aha; so would we have it. I wish you could see him. Like yourself, he knows no bounds to love. He is doing more for the real benefit & the cause than any one ever in Canada. He knows no Sect, no Color, no Name, no part, but cries the word of the Lord & Gideon. He has driven on one School for 7 years, is determined to reach general Education in the Province. I wish you would show Friend Garrison this Letter. I should have been Cut now, but for

an invitation to visit & take up collections in some of the popular Churches of this City. Should you write, it must be immediate as I leave here a week from next Tuesday, that is the 28th of the present Month, I expected to be at the Annual meeting, but the invitations in this city forbid.

Affectionately I am your Brother

Lewis Hayden.

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